Level 2

The Magic Block

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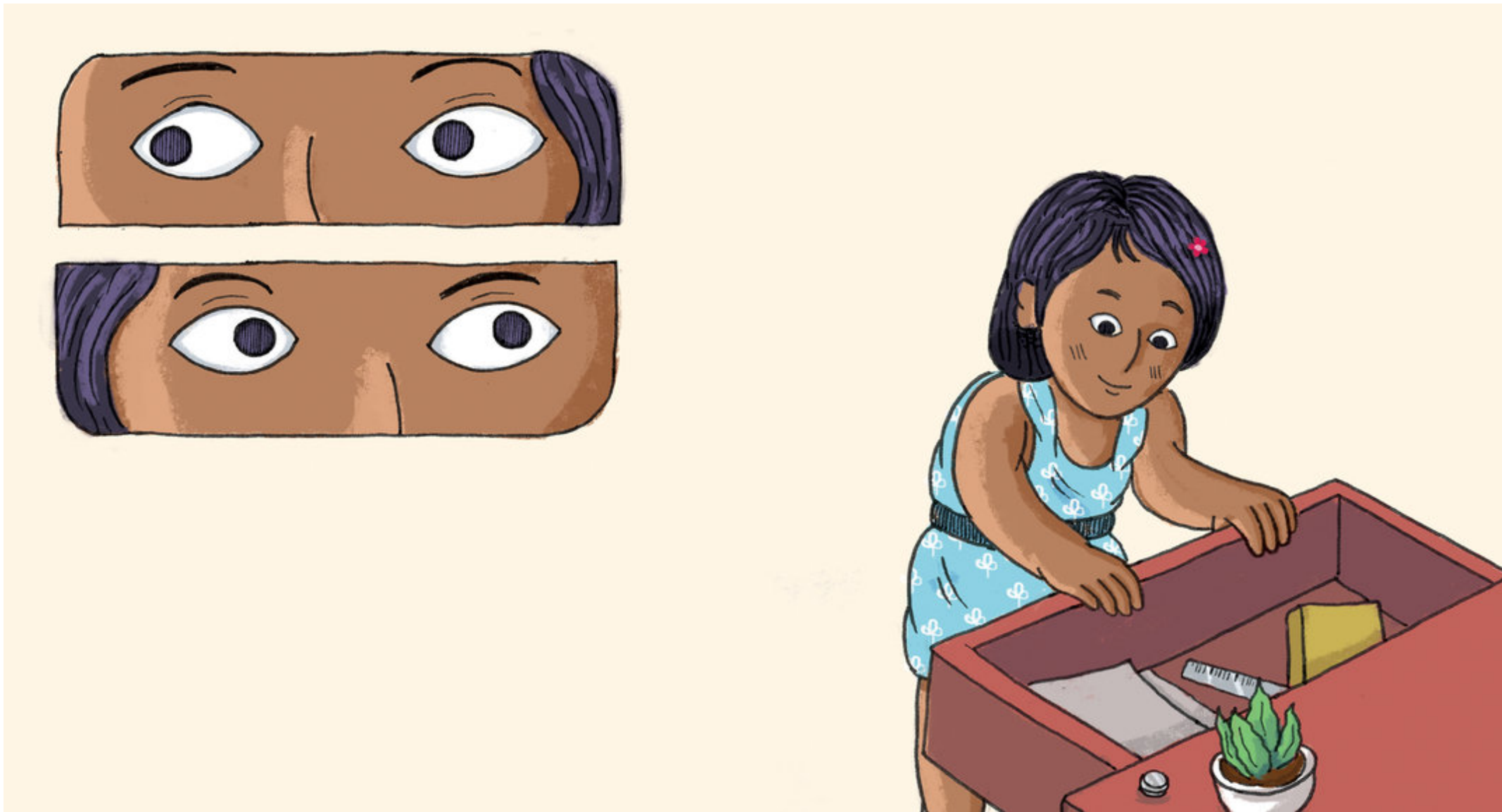
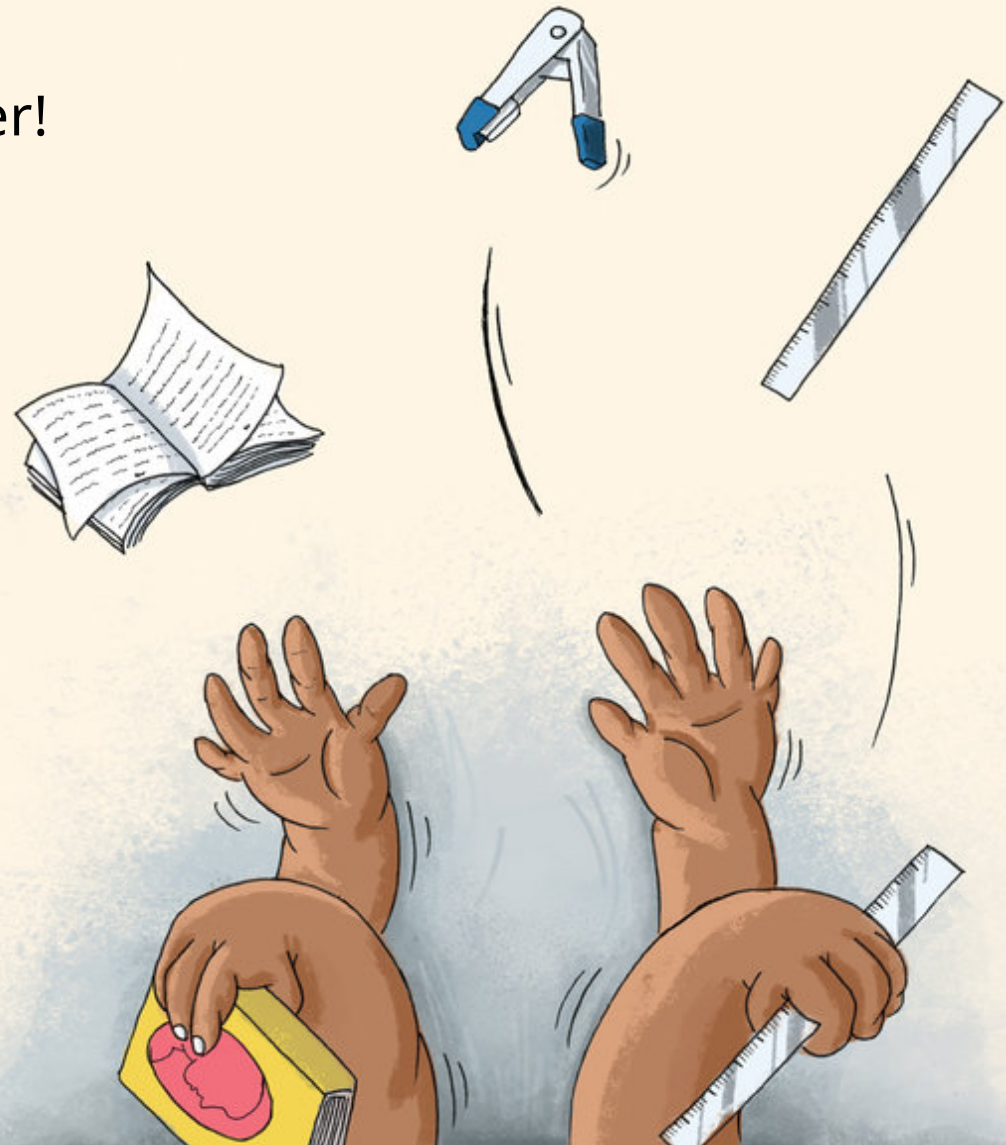
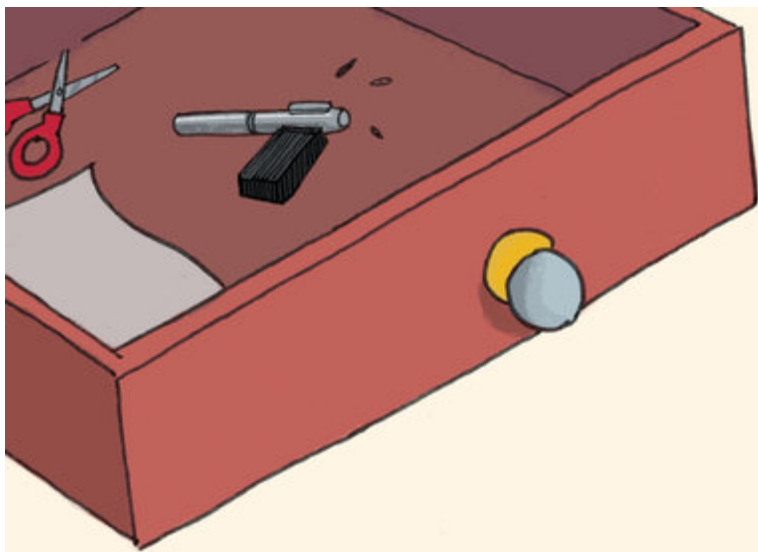
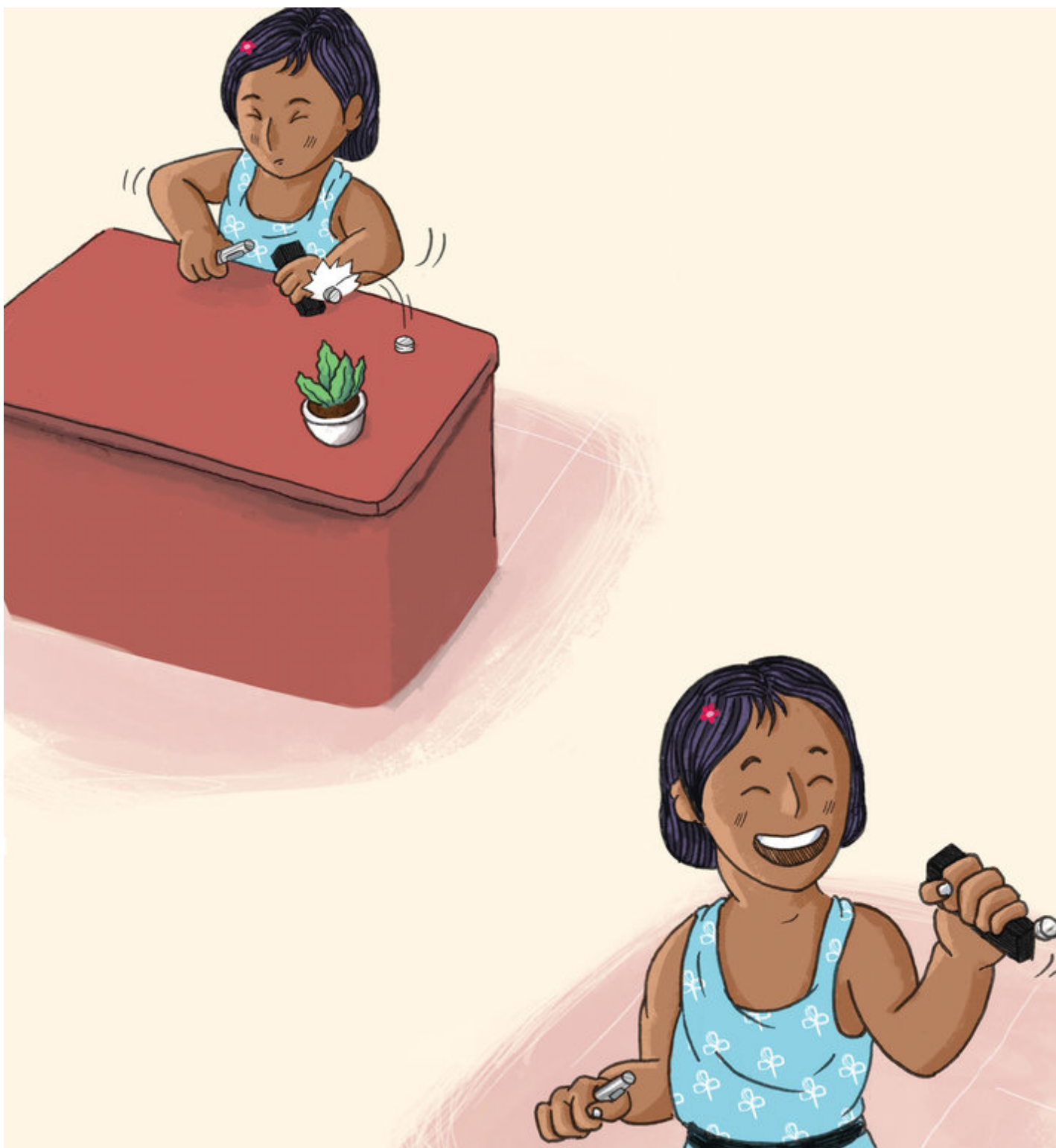
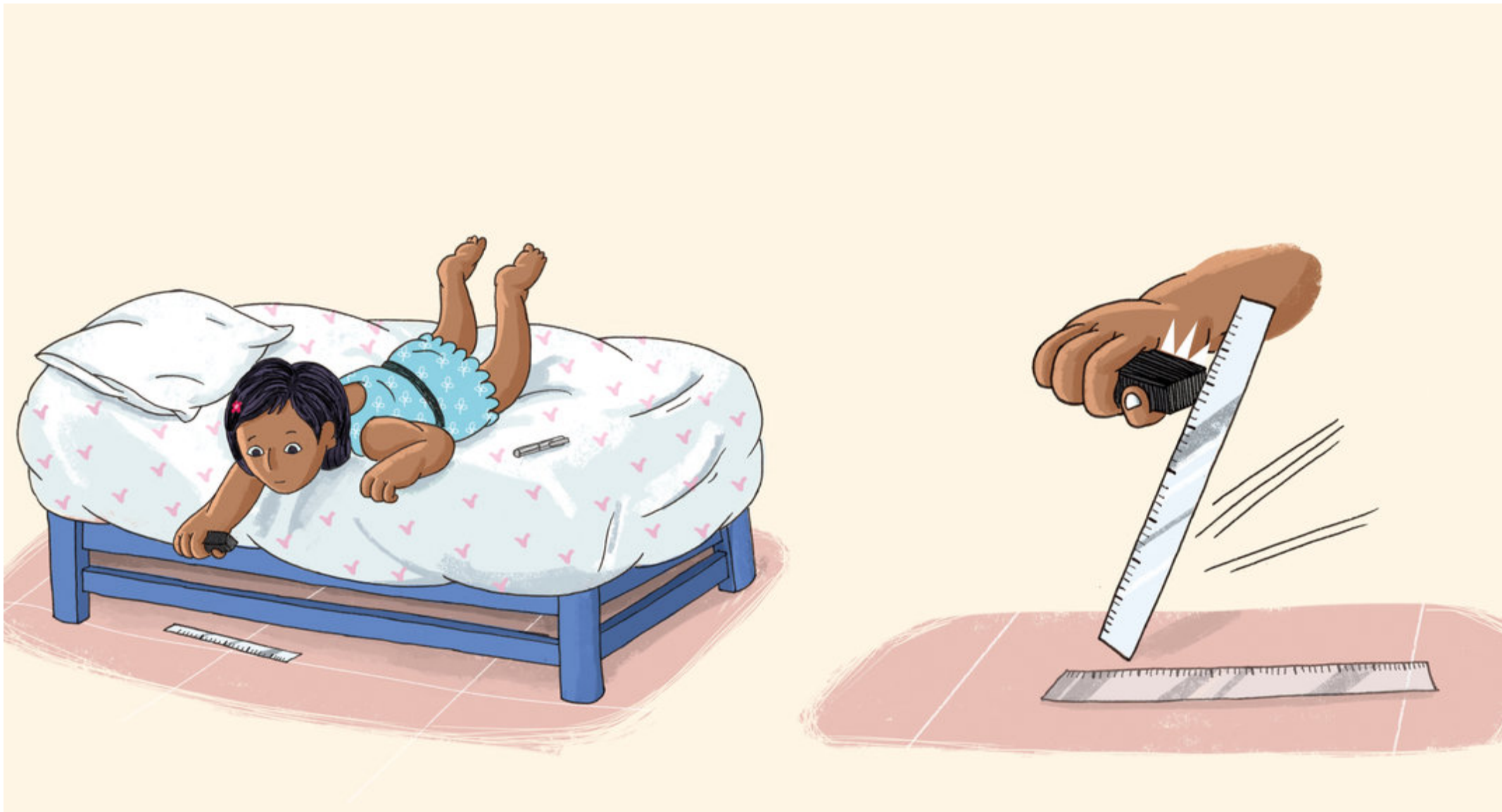
Kiran loves her elder brother's handwriting.
He writes with a very special shiny ink pen.

One day, when Bhaiya is not at home, Kiran looks for his pen.
She slides open his drawer.

Out go his books!
Out goes a stapler!
Out goes a metal ruler!

At the bottom of the drawer, Kiran finds his special pen.
But what's that?
A strange black block is stuck to it.

Kiran pulls the pen and the block apart.
But then...

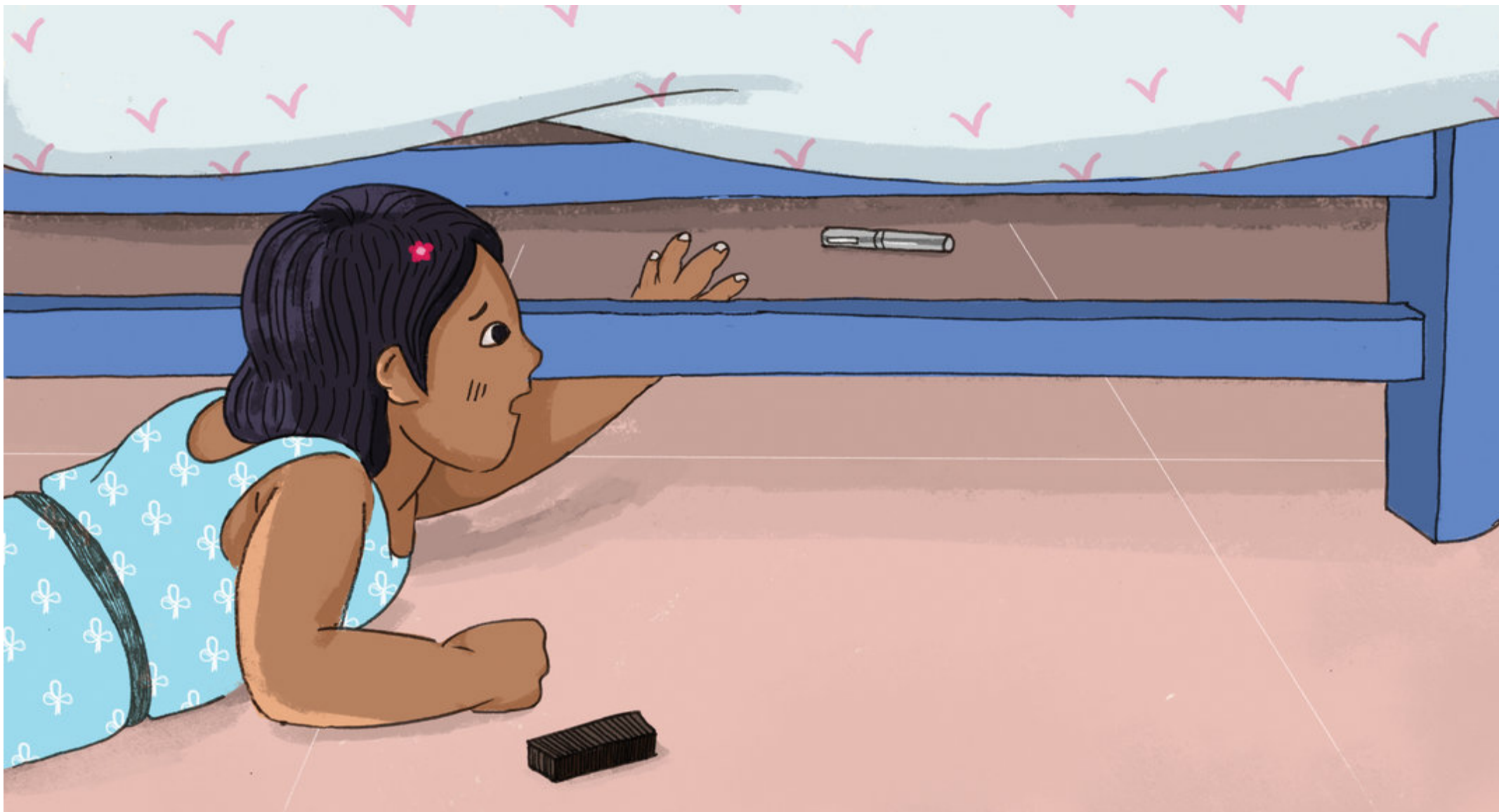
Plink, click!
A bottle-cap jumps and sticks to the block!
Rinky giggles with delight.

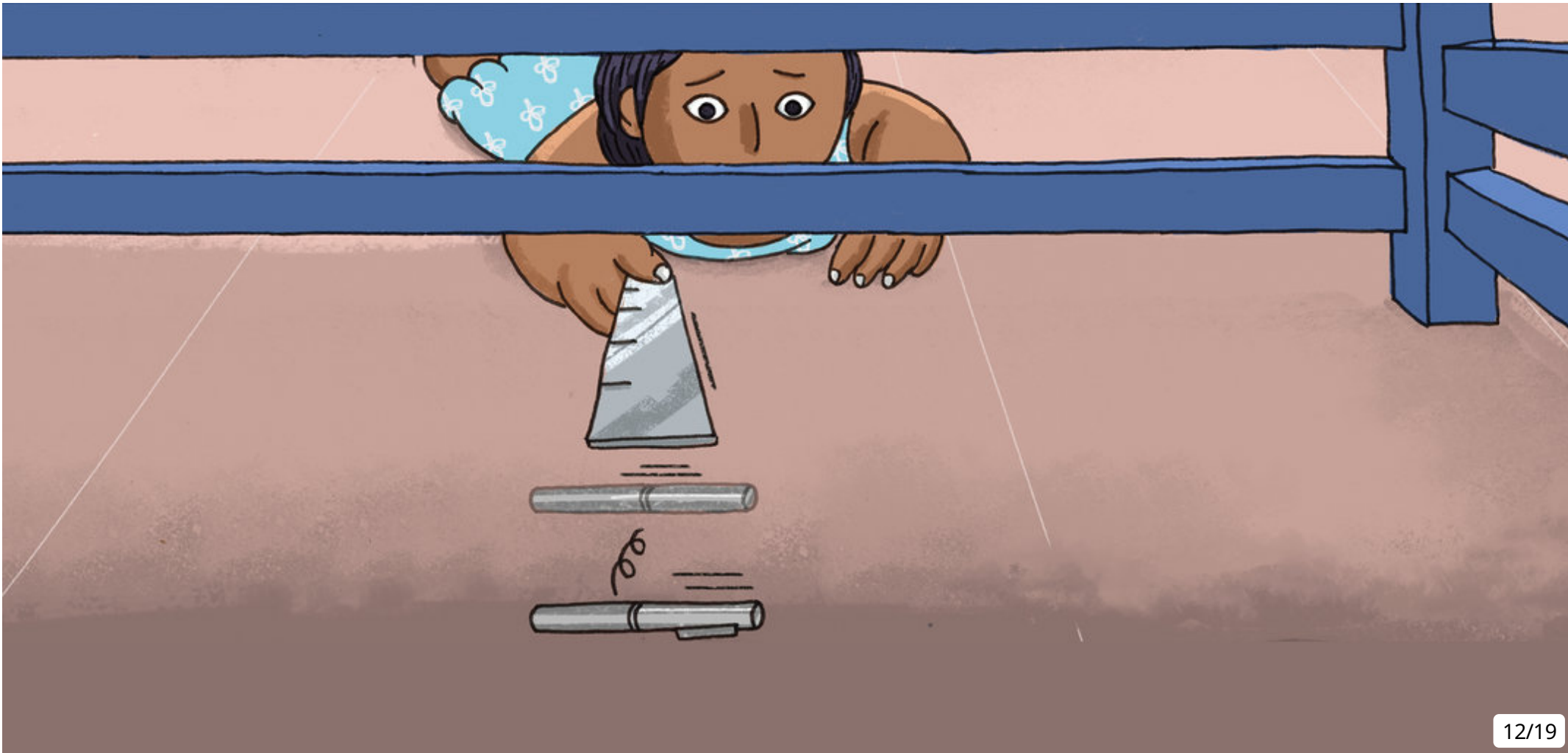
Can things stick to this block like magic?

Does the stapler stick to this block?
Plink, click! Yes, it sticks.

Does the furry cat stick to it?
No, it does not.

Does the metal ruler stick to this block?
Plink, click! Yes, it sticks.

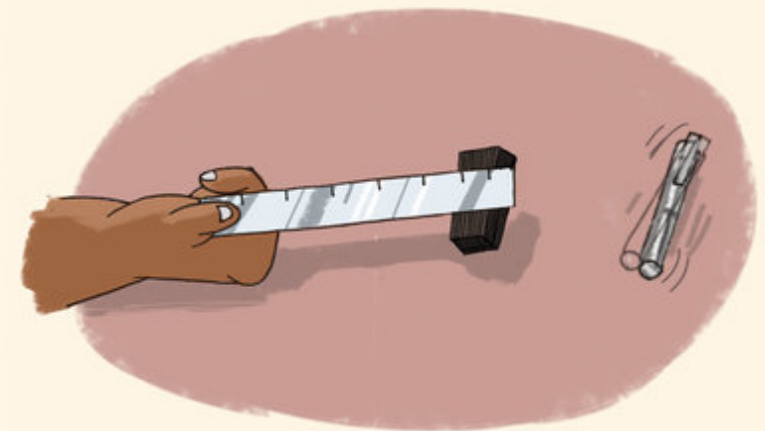
Does this hairy brown coconut stick to it?
No, it does not.

The hairy coconut tickles Kiran’s nose.
AH-CHOO! She sneezes loudly.
The pen flies out of her hand and disappears under the bed.
Kiran is worried. Bhaiya will be back soon!

She sticks her hand under the bed.
Oh no! She can’t reach the pen.

She tries to reach the pen with the ruler.
Oh no! The pen slides further away.
If only there was a way to bring the pen closer to her.

Suddenly, Kiran has an idea.

The best idea ever!

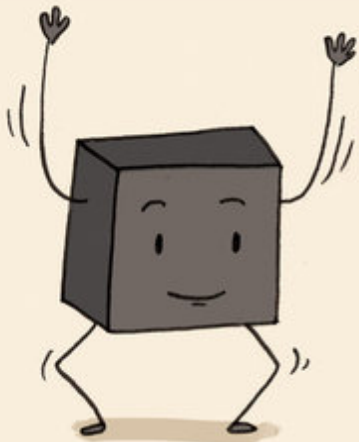
Kiran brings the black block near the ruler.
Plink, click! It sticks!
She then holds the ruler under
the bed and stretches her hand.

Stretch, stretch, stretch...

Plink, click! Guess what sticks to the block?

Quick! Quick! Bhaiya will be home soon.

In go the pen and the black block. In go the books and stapler. In goes the metal ruler.

Kiran slides the drawer shut.

Just in time! She hears the door slam, and Bhaiya walks into the room.
"Kiran," says Bhaiya, "Why is there a coconut on the floor?"

The Secret of the Magic Block

The magic block in the story is called a bar magnet. Magnets come in many shapes. They can be round, rectangular, square or U-shaped.

A magnet cannot stick to all objects. It can only stick to certain objects that have special elements in them. These special elements that allow an object to stick to a magnet are iron, nickel, steel and cobalt.

Which of these do you think will stick to a magnet?

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Bhaiya's special pen rolls under the bed. Kiran tries to get it back but she can’t reach it! Will a little black block be able to help her?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.